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1. Between 24 and 29 September 1950 the barracks installation in Bad Freienwalde (N 53/V 28) was occupied by about 150 troops, according to a German laborer employed there. The troops were said to make up the 5th Det, presumably the 5th Co, of a unit composed of eight detachments, each with 100 to 150 men. Except for the 5th Det, all other elements of this unit were allegedly still in the Templin maneuver area. From June to the end of August 1950 the 5th Det was in Eberswalde prior to returning to Freienwalde about early September 1950. *

2. Soviet soldiers mentioned that the 1926 class was scheduled for discharge in October 1950. The barracks in Freienwalde were said to be used as a transient camp for the processing of soldiers due for demobilization. **

3. Two armored reconnaissance cars and motor vehicles [redacted] were seen in the billeting area between 24 and 29 September 1950 [redacted]

* [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the barracks installation was occupied to capacity, presumably by recruits, on 3 August 1950. [redacted]

The present report indicates that the bulk of the units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div believed to be billeted in the barracks were still in the Templin maneuver area in late September 1950.

** [redacted] Comment. It is probable that Soviet soldiers will be given their discharge at the end of the fall maneuvers. It is believed, however, that only the remainder of the 1926 class and the first contingents of the 1927 class will be affected. In early June 1950 [redacted] the barracks would be used as processing camp for soldiers due for demobilization from all the Soviet Zone of Germany. [redacted] However, it was believed that the installation would be used as a processing center only for soldiers of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army [redacted]

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[REDACTED]
After 12 September 1950 [REDACTED] groups
of about 40 soldiers each returning from the training area to the
barracks. These groups possibly were composed of soldiers to be
returned from Treienwalde to the U.S.S.R. for their discharge.

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